



July 15, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE D8 DWB-930

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has received an application dated May 26, 2026 from the Missouri Department of Transportation for approval of location and plans for the construction of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Missouri River, Mile 352.7, near the City of Sugar Creek, Jackson County, Missouri.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Replace a fixed steel-truss highway bridge with a fixed steel girder highway bridge. The new bridge replaces a structurally deficient bridge which will be removed.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Horizontal: Main channel span is 407.00 feet measured normal to axis of the channel.	Horizontal: Main channel span is 380.00 feet measured normal to axis of the channel.
Vertical: 52.30 feet above 2% Flowline elevation 725.30 feet, mean sea level	Vertical: At Right Descending Channel Pier 56.10 feet above 2% Flowline. At Left Descending Channel Margin 48.10 feet above 2% Flowline. At Center Channel 54.00 feet above 2% Flowline of 725.30 feet, mean sea level.

Datum: NAVD88

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead Federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. A Categorical Exclusion was issued January 7, 2026, pursuant to NEPA, as amended. The U.S. Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA.

Documents are available for review at the above address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, has been applied for from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 732.50 feet, while elevation of the low member of the navigation span is 773.40. Elevations are referenced to NAVD88 datum. There will be no impact of wetlands.

The decision as to whether to grant approval of the location and plans for the proposed action rests primarily upon the effect it has on navigation.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of a bridge protective system and other navigational safety issues, including need for clearance gauges and extent of nighttime navigation to determine the need for bridge lighting. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to navigation.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the FHWA. Comments will be received for the record at the address noted in the header or via email eric.washburn@uscg.mil through **August 15, 2026**.

Map of location and plans attached.

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By direction of the District Commander

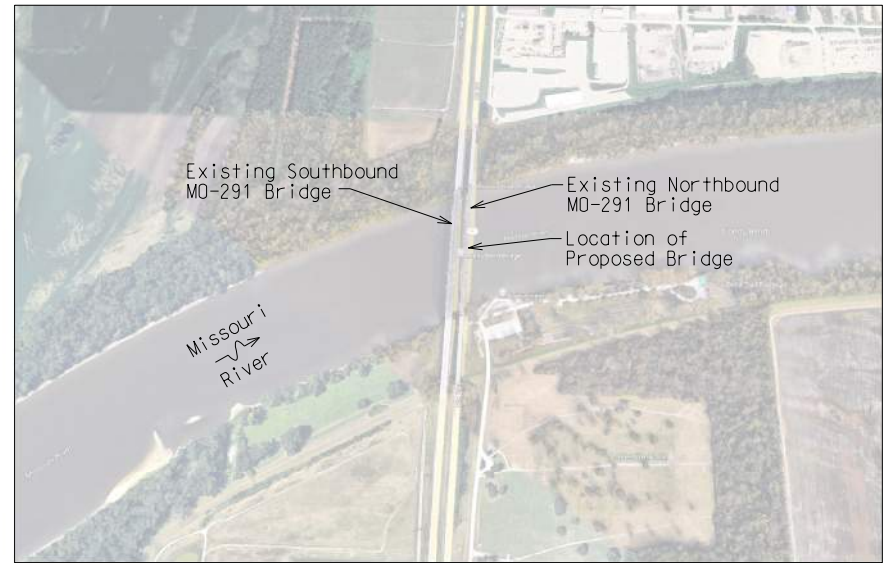
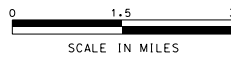
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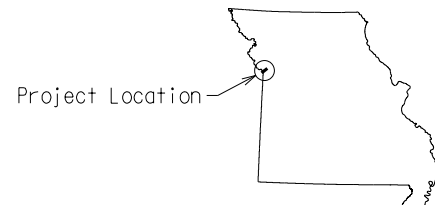
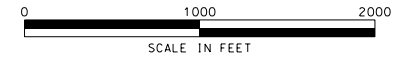
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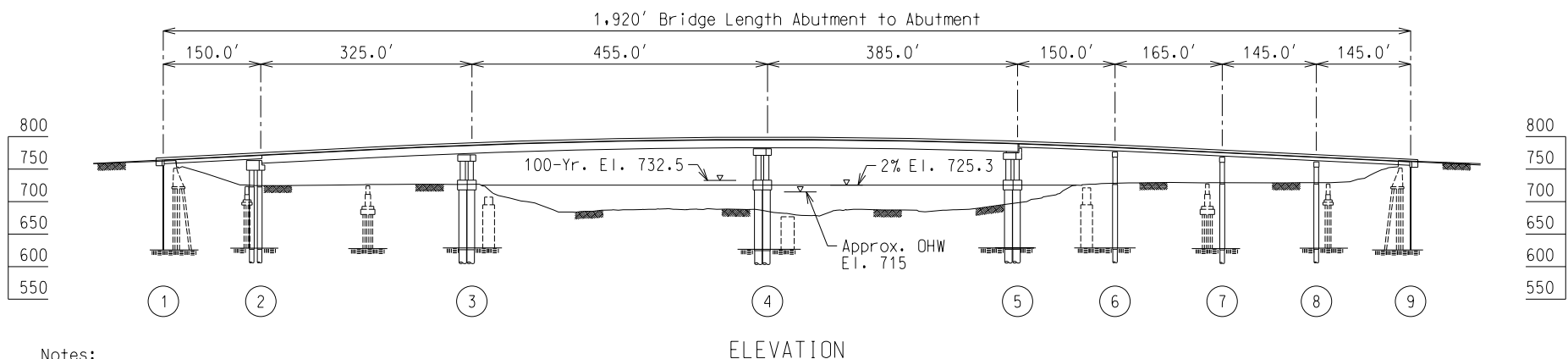


LOCATION MAP

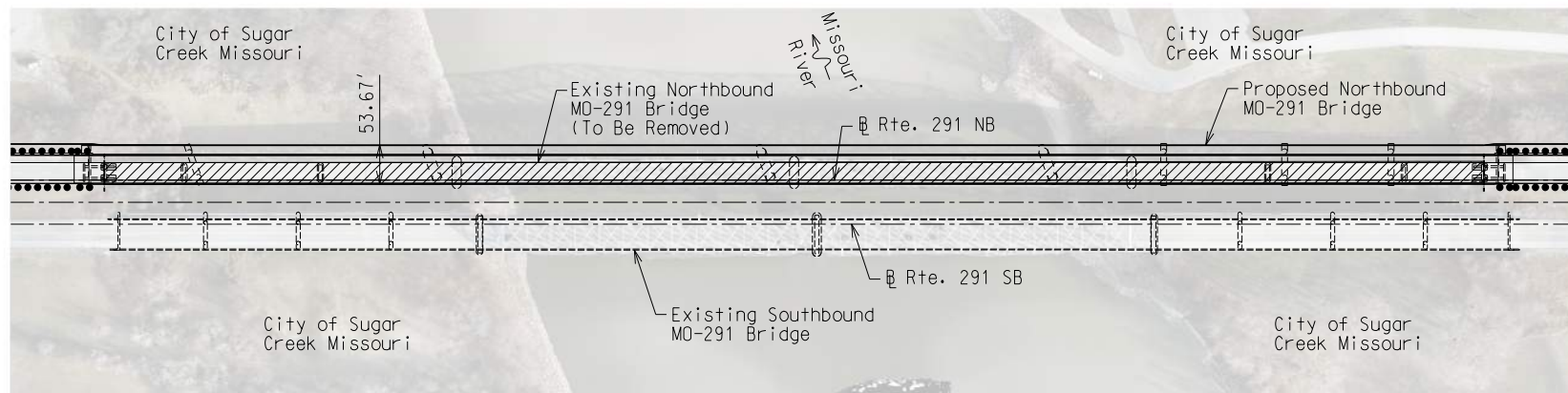


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NORTHBOUND MO-291 LIBERTY BEND BRIDGE
OVER THE MISSOURI RIVER, MILE 352.7
AT SUGAR CREEK, JACKSON COUNTY, MO



Notes:
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 Water Surface elevations provided by USACE.



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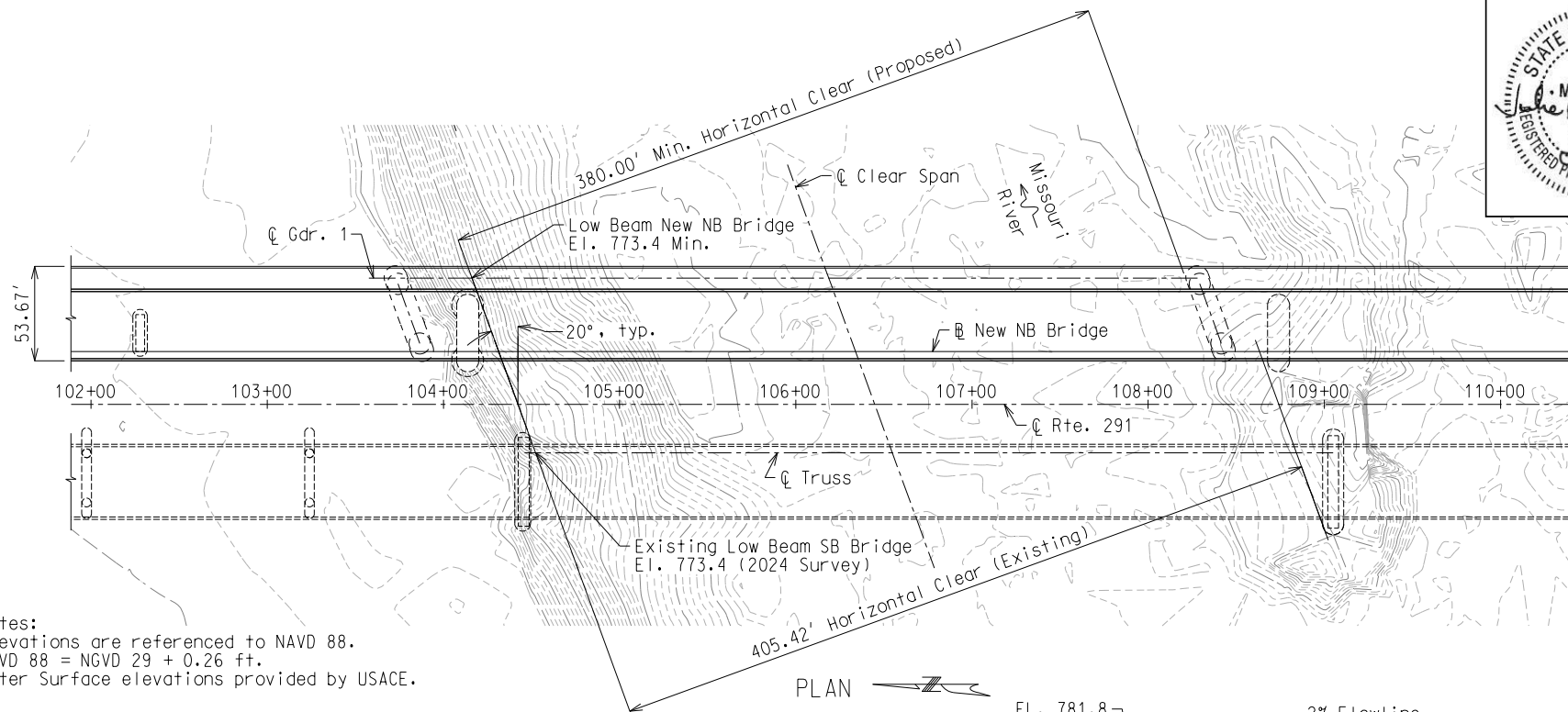
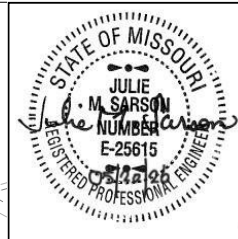


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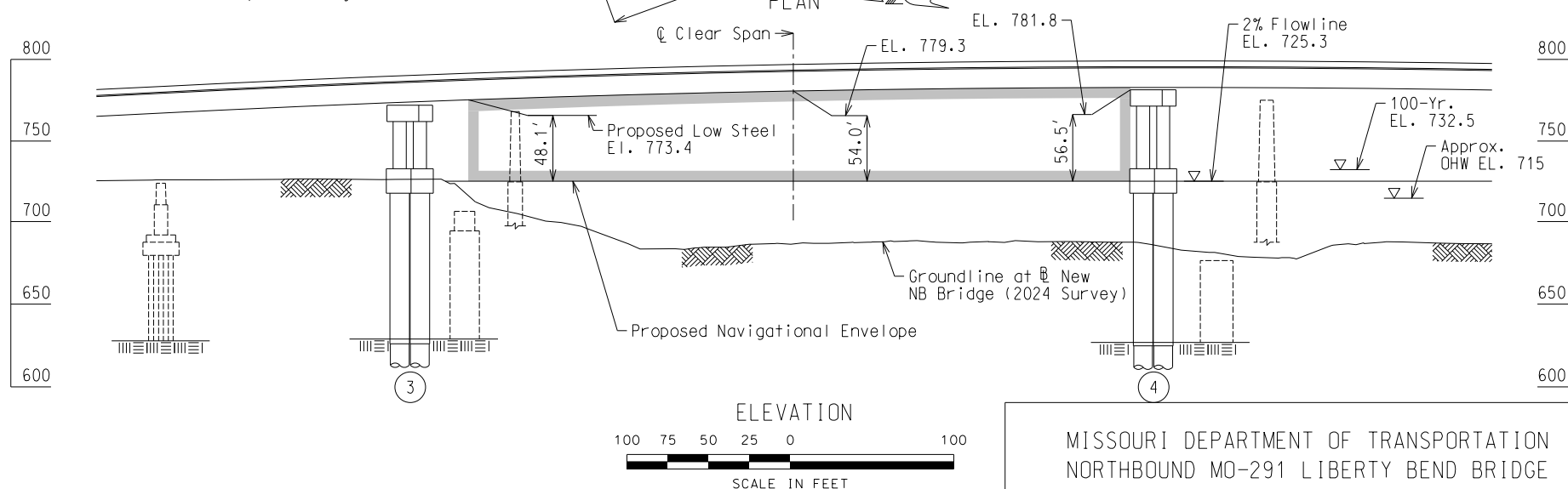
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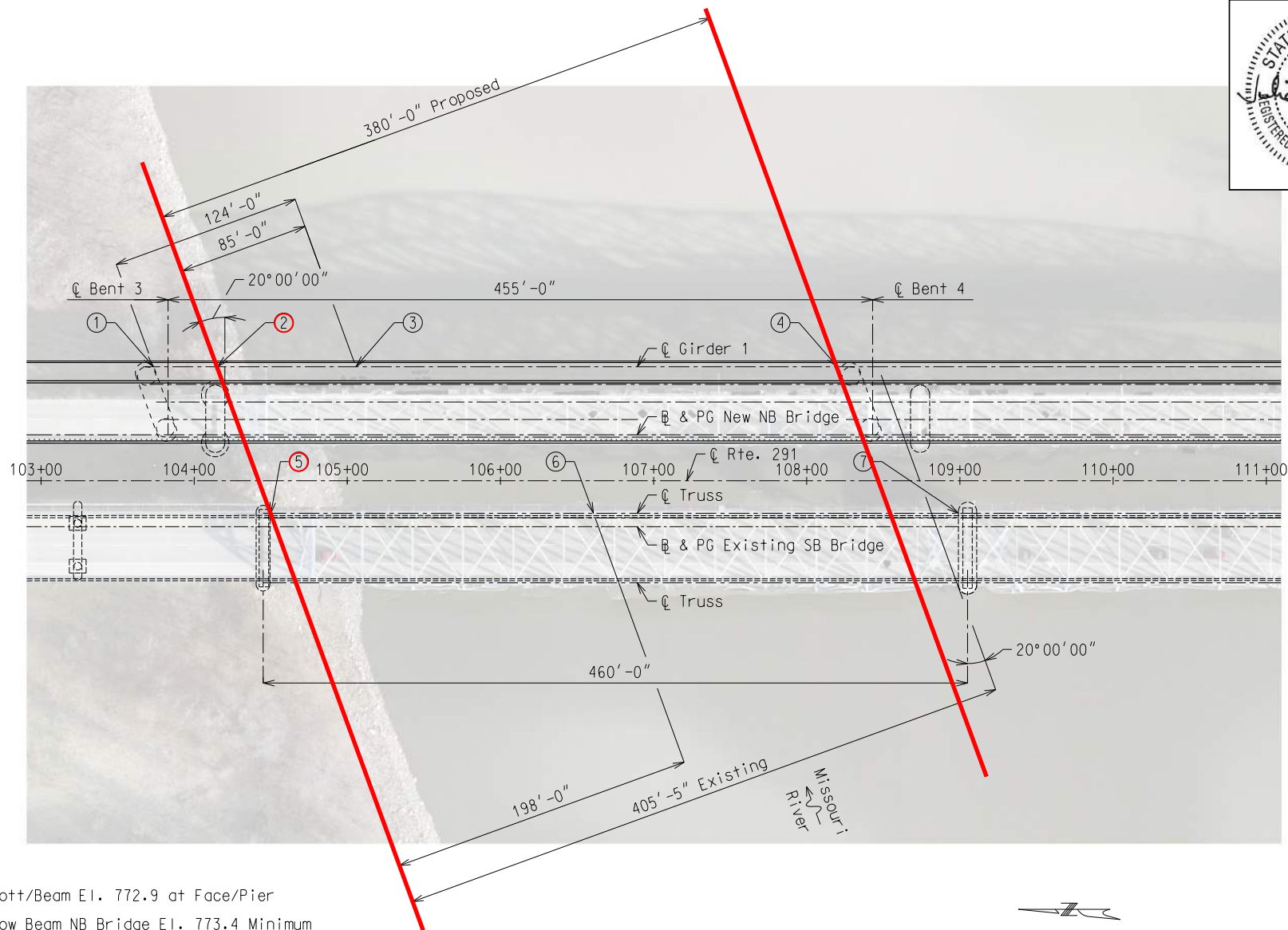
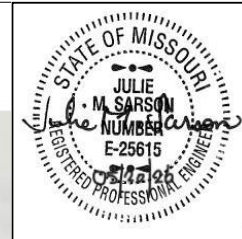


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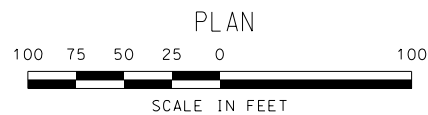


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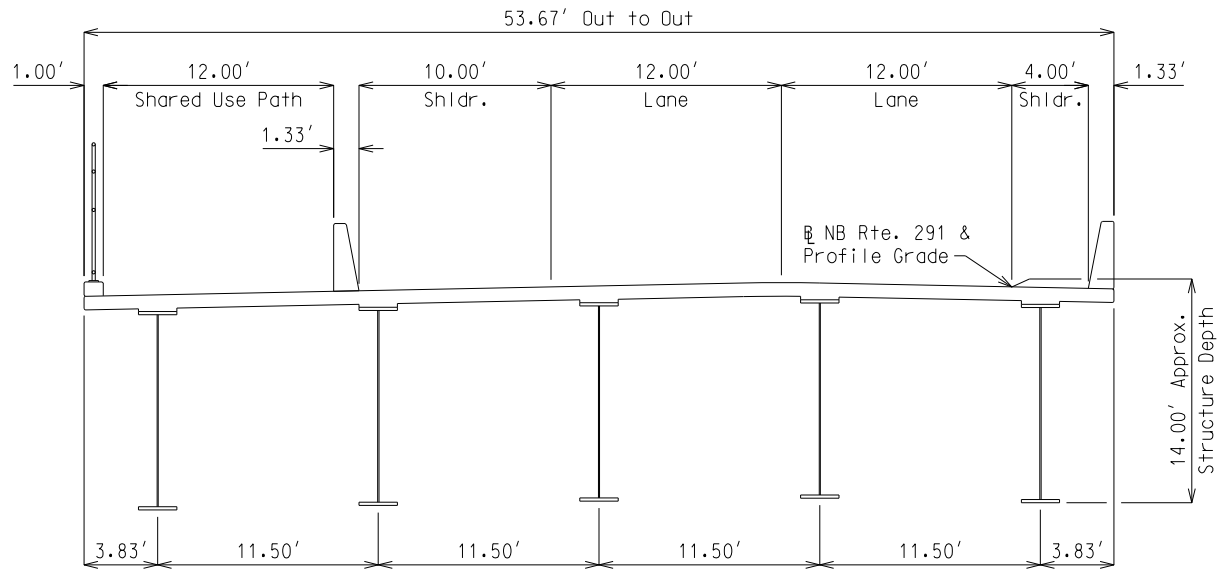


- ① New Bott/Beam El. 772.9 at Face/Pier
- ② New Low Beam NB Bridge El. 773.4 Minimum
(Actual El. 774.2 at LD Edge/Channel)
- ③ New Bott/Beam El. 777.1 at 85.0' from LD Edge/Channel
- ④ New Bott/Beam El. 781.8 at RD Edge/Channel and Face/Pier
- ⑤ Existing Low Beam SB Bridge El. 773.4 (2024 Survey)
- ⑥ Existing Bott/Beam El. 777.1 at 198.0' from
LD Edge/Channel (2024 Survey)
- ⑦ Existing Bott/Beam El. 777.9 (2024 Survey)



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TYPICAL SECTION AT NAVIGATION SPAN
Shown looking South



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